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### Protecting Roadside First Responders Act

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

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Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 24, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4871	Identical bill	<b>Oct 29, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

## **Protecting Roadside First Responders Act**

This bill addresses transportation matters relating to Move Over laws and crash avoidance technology. (Move Over laws are intended to ensure first responder and motorist safety by requiring motorists to change lanes or slow down when approaching an authorized emergency vehicle that is parked or otherwise stopped on a roadway.)

Specifically, the bill requires

- the Department of Transportation (DOT) to contract with the National Academy of Sciences to produce research findings on the efficacy of Move Over laws and related public awareness campaigns;
- DOT to award grants to states to prevent death and injury from crashes involving vehicles striking vehicles and individuals stopped at the roadside;
- DOT to implement rules to establish minimum performance standards with respect to crash avoidance technology and to require mandating crash avoidance technology on all new motor vehicles; and
- all federal fleet vehicles to have crash avoidance technology and, if such vehicles are used for emergency response activities, be equipped with digital alert technology.

## **Actions Timeline**

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